

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. Canceled

10. (Currently Amended) A drier₁ comprising:

a rotary drum that can be fed through a feed opening, through which drum process air is able to flow from a rear wall into an end plate having two openings adjacent to the feed opening~~[[.]]~~; and ~~also comprising~~

a drying basket with a lattice type basket projecting into the drum, the drying basket including two longitudinal supports in the form of wires, the supports comprising integral connecting devices that each include a bent end section and a bent support section located between the bent end section and the longitudinal support, which wherein the basket is supported demountably ~~in at least one opening on the end plate, and wherein the basket is mounted by inserting the bent end sections into the openings in the end plate and allowing the bent support sections to rest against the end plate~~ wherein the drying basket has a longitudinal support projecting into the drum, on which support an integral connecting device is formed, which device engages with the opening and which has a supporting section with which it is supported against the end plate.

11-12. Canceled.

13. (Currently Amended) The drier according to Claim ~~[[12]]~~ 10,

wherein the drying basket has a longitudinal support on both longitudinal sides.

14. (Previously Presented) The drier according to claim 10, wherein a demountable lint filter is arranged in the end plate, which filter is adjacent to the opening.

15. (Currently Amended) The drier according to Claim 14, wherein the opening and the connecting device openings in the end plate and the connecting devices are covered by the lint filter.

16. (Currently Amended) A laundry drier comprising:
a housing;
a rotary drum disposed within the housing and including a rear wall having inlet openings through which an air flow enters the rotary drum;
a feed opening in the housing providing access to the rotary drum;
an end plate disposed near a lower portion of the feed opening and including two basket openings disposed near opposing ends of the end plate;
a drying basket including two elongated longitudinal supports in the form or wires and a lattice type basket supported by the longitudinal supports, each longitudinal support including a connecting device comprising a bent end section that forms having a hook and a bent supporting section located between the bent end section and the lattice basket, the drying basket being removably connected to the end plate and projecting into the rotary drum toward the rear wall with each of the basket openings receiving one of the bent end sections, ~~hooks~~ and each of the supporting sections engaging a surface of the end plate to support the drying basket within the rotary drum.

17. (Previously Presented) The laundry drier according to claim 16, wherein the longitudinal support and connecting device are integrally formed from a rigid wire member having various angled sections bent into the desired configuration.

18. (Currently Amended) The laundry drier according to claim 16, wherein each ~~hook~~ bent end section includes a bending section curving away from the drying basket.

19. (Previously Presented) The laundry drier according to claim 16, further comprising a removable lint filter including a lint screen and an elongated upper diaphragm having a projection at each opposing end of the upper diaphragm, the end plate including an elongated recess extending between the basket openings and the lint filter being received into the recess.

20. (Currently Amended) The laundry drier according to Claim 19, wherein the each projection extends over one of the basket openings and restricts the bent end sections ~~hooks~~ from being removed from the basket openings.

21. (Currently Amended) A method for removably connecting a drying basket to a laundry drier, the method comprising the following acts:

providing the laundry drier comprising a housing, a rotary drum disposed within the housing, a feed opening in the housing providing access to the rotary drum, and an end plate disposed near a lower portion of the feed opening and including two basket openings;

providing the drying basket including two elongated longitudinal supports and a lattice type basket supported by the longitudinal supports, each longitudinal support including a connecting device having a bent end section in the form of a hook and a bent supporting section located between the lattice type basket and the bent end section;

inserting each bent end section ~~hook~~ into one of the basket openings with the drying basket projecting into the rotary drum; and

positioning each bent supporting section on a surface of the end plate to support the drying basket within the rotary drum.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

providing a lint filter including a lint screen and an elongated upper diaphragm having a projection at each opposing end of the upper diaphragm;
providing an elongated recess within the end plate extending between the basket openings;

inserting the lint filter into the recess with each of the projections extending over one of the basket openings and restricting the ~~hooks~~ bent end sections from being removed from the basket openings.

23. (Currently Amended) The drier according to claim 44-10, wherein the engagement of the bent end section ~~hook~~ in the opening and the engagement of the bent support section with the end plate support cause the drying basket to project into the drum in a cantilevered fashion.

24. Canceled.

25. (Currently Amended) The drier of claim 24 10, further comprising a lint filter that is mounted in a slot formed in the end plate, wherein the lint filter covers the openings in the end plate and the bent end sections of the wires.

26. (Currently Amended) The laundry drier of claim 16, wherein the engagement between the bent end sections ~~hooks~~ and the basket openings and between the bent supporting sections and the end plate cause the drying basket to project into rotary drum in a cantilevered fashion.

27. (Currently Amended) The laundry drier of claim 16, wherein the mounting of the bent end sections ~~hooks~~ into the basket openings and the engagement between the bent supporting sections and the end plate do not prevent a lint filter from being mounted in a recess in the end plate.